

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Minoru Hirata |) | Group Art Unit: 1735 |
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| Application No.: 10/586,157 |) | Examiner: Jacky Yuen |
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| Filed: August 1, 2008 |) | |
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| For: Molding Flask for a Molding |) | Confirmation No.: 4857 |
| Machine and a Molding Process |) | |
| Using the Mold Flask |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2011, **the period for response having been extended to December 19, 2011 by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.